

Remarks

I. Status of the Claims

Claims 1, 3, 4, and 6-22 were pending in the application. In the Office Action, claims 1, 3, 4, and 6-22 were rejected. Claim 11 is amended herein. After entry of this amendment, claims 1, 3, 4, and 6-22 are pending.

II. Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C 251

Claims 1, 3, 4, and 6-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 251 because claim 11 is not in compliance with 37 CFR 1.173(b), (d).

Claim 11 is hereby amended so that “first” before “upper parts of the sotckpiling conveyor” is not underlined because patent claim 11 already recites “first upper parts of the stockpiling conveyor.”

III. Supplemental Reissue Oath/Declaration – 37 CFR 1.175(b)(1)

In compliance with 37 CFR 1.175(b)(1) a supplemental oath is submitted with this amendment.

IV. Conclusion

The Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1, 3, 4, and 6-22 are in a condition for allowance. Accordingly, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

It is noted that claimed subject matter may be patentably distinguished from the references of record for reasons in addition to those set forth herein, reasons such as those articulated in papers previously submitted regarding the subject application. Likewise, it is noted that failure, if any, to comment directly

upon any of the positions asserted in the Office Action does not indicate tacit agreement or acquiescence with those asserted positions.

Questions concerning the present paper may be directed to the undersigned. If any fees are due in connection with filing this paper, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 500393.

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